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TAGS: PORG, (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC WORLD UNION)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC WORLD UNION ISSUES POLITICAL MANIFESTO

SUMMARY: MEETING AT BRUSSELS MAY 6-7, LEADERS OF THE CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC WORLD UNION ISSUED A POLITICAL MANIFESTO - A PLEA
FOR A PLURALISTIC, COMMUNITARIAN SOCIETY BASED ON THE SPIRITUAL

AND ETHICAL VALUES OF CHRISTIANITY. BUT, FROM THE UPPER REACHES
OF THE "COMMON GOOD" (UNDERLINED), THE MANIFESTO DESCENDS IN
PART II TO SOME FAIRLY CONCRETE

PRESCRIPTIONS: A UN COUNCIL TO MONITOR AND PUNISH HUMAN RIGHTS
TRANSGRESSIONS; CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM AND GUERRILLA WARFARE;
CONTROL OF THE MASS MEDIA TO ASSURE OBJECTIVITY; A UNITED EUROPE
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AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO US-USSR BI-POLARIZATION; DENUCLEARIZATION
OF THE ATOMIC POWERS TO FORESTALL NUCLEAR TERRORISM; NEW INTERNATIONAL

RULES TO GOVERN SPACE, SEA AND THE OCEAN BED; CONTROL OF
MONOPOLISTIC AND MULTINATIONAL POWER;
WORKER PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT; CLOSER ECONOMIC LINKS
BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE THIRD WORLD; COLLABORATION AMONG THE

RAW-MATERIAL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES - ON THE OPEC PATTERN; AND
SURRENDER BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OF A PART OF THEIR
WEALTH. END SUMMARY.

1. LEADERS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC WORLD UNION MEETING AT
BRUSSELS MAY 6-7 ISSUED A FOUR-PART POLITICAL MANIFESTO.

HEREWITH A SUMMARY OF ITS MAIN POINTS.

A NEW ERA: IN THIS AGE OF TECHNOLOGY, PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE,
BUT IT MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRODUCE CONCENTRATIONS OF POWER
WHERE FORCE, NOT JUSTICE, PREVAILS. UNJUST POLITICAL, CULTURAL
AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES HAVE ARISEN. CHRISTIAN DECMOCRATS STRUGGLE
TO CHANGE THESE STRUCTURES. A NEW ERA IS BEGINNING, MARKED BY
ASPIRATION FOR UNIVERSAL SOLIDARITY. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
STRUGGLE FOR A PERSONALISTIC, PLURALISTIC AND "COMMUNITARIAN"
SOCIETY IS IN STEP WITH THE AGE.

2. BASIC CONCEPTS. BASED ON THE SPIRTUAL AND ETHICAL VALUES OF
CHRISTIANITY, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY SETS AS ITS IDEAL A FREE,
JUST COMMUNITY BASED ON PARTICIPATION, PLURALISM, HUMAN RIGHTS
AND SOLIDARITY. TO OVERCOME SOCIAL CONFLICT, IT SEEKS TO CREATE
A DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE IN WHICH ALL PARTICIPATE TO DEFINE AND
ACHIEVE THE COMMON GOOD.

3. A "COMMUNITARIAN" SOCIETY. THE COMMUNITARIAN SOCIETY IS
DISTINGUISHABLE FROM OTHER SYSTEMS WHICH SUBORDIANTE MAN TO THE
SYSTEM AND PERPETUATE SOCIAL INJUSTICE. THE COMMUNITARIAN
SOCIETY IS WEDDED TO DEMOCRACY. THE ELEMENTS OF GENUINE
DEMOCRACY ARE: PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING BY POLITICAL
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PARTIES, TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER POLULAR ORGANIZATIONS; A
PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM BASED ON UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE AND A FREE,
SECRET BALLOT; THE RULE OF LAW AND SEPARATION PF POWERS;
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION; RELIGIOUS TOLERATION; ABOLITION OF POLITICAL
DISCRIMINATION AND SOCIAL INJUSTICES.

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ACTION REJECTS TERRORISM AND GUERRILLA
WARFARE, WORKING ONLY THROUGH REPRESENTATIVE POLITICAL, TRADE
UNION AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD SET UP A COUNCIL TO MONITOR
HUMAN RIGHTS, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PUNISH TRANSGRESSORS.
STATES SHOULD RATIFY AND APPLY ALL TREATIES CONCERNING HUMAN
RIGHTS.

CULTURE MUST BE MADE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. THE STATE SHOULD
GIVE PRIORITY TO EDUCATION - BUT THE FAMILY HAS THE PRIMARY
RIGHT AND DUTY TO GUIDE EDUCATION. THE MASS MEDIA MUST BE
SUBJECTED TO CONTROL BY SOCIETY TO ASSURE OBJECTIVITY. BUT DISSENTING
OPINION MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THE MEDIA. MAN MUST BE PROTECTED
FROM DEHUMANIZING TECHNOLOGY. MEN AND WOMEN MUST HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GO HAND IN HAND. ECONOMIC GROWTH MUST BE ORIENTED TO THE NEEDS OF SOCIETY. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY MUST BE DETERMINED BY THE OVERALL INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY. A COMMUNITARIAN ECONOMY HAS ROOM FOR PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND MIXED ENTERPRISE - AS WELL AS FOR WORKER PARTICIPATION: CO-MANAGEMENT, SELF-MANAGEMENT, AND COOPERATIVES. MONOPOLISTIC AND MULTINATIONAL ENTITIES MUST BE CONTROLLED. THE SOCIAL FUNCTION OF PROPERTY DEMANDS THAT THE PUBLIC SECTOR CONTROL MOST PUBLIC SERVICES AND HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN KEY SECTORS SUCH AS RAW MATERIALS, ENERGY AND CREDIT.

4. A TRUE COMMUNITY. THE GREAT POWERS DOMINATE. THE THIRD WORLD IS DEPENDENT. FORCE IS USED IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. INSPIRED BY CHRISTIAN UNIVERSALISM AND SOLIDARITY, CHRISTIAN
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DEMOCRATS CALL UPON THE RICHEST NATIONS TO JOIN IN THE SEARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND UPON THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO UNITE.

DETENTE IS IMPERFECTLY REALIZED. THE ARMS RACE HAS NOT ENDED AND THE DANGER OF LOCAL CONFLICT CONTINUES. THE THIRD WORLD CONTINUES TO SUFFER FORM THE CONCENTRATION OF POLITICAL-

MILITARY POWER. DICTATORSHIP HAS PROLIFERATED - ESPECIALLY IN

LATIN AMERICA. EUROPE SHOULD UNITE POLITICALLY AND THEREBY

REDUCE SOVIET-AMERICAN HEGEMONY. THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES - PARTICULARLY THOSE OF EUROPE - SHOULD ACHIEVE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE THIRD WORLD THROUGH SUCH INSTRUMENTS AS THE LOME PACT. THE THIRD WORLD, ESPECIALLY PRODUCERS OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS SHOULD COLLOBORATE AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF THE OPEC COUNTRIES. THE UN MUST BE STRENGTHENED. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS CALL UPON THE NUCLEAR POWERS TO FORESTALL THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR TERRORISM BY ENDING THEIR DEPENDENCE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONRY.

TO THE TWO-THIRDS OF HUMANITY SUFFERING FROM POVERTY AND DEPRIVATION, THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST GIVE UP A PART OF THEIR WEALTH. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST BE READY TO LOOK FOR RATIONAL SOLUTIONS. MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES MUST BE BROUGHT UNDER ADEQUATE CONTROL THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL CODE OF BEHAVIOR. FOREIGN AID SHOULD BE CHanneled PRIMARILY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SPACE, THE SEA, AND THE OCEAN BED ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL. THEIR EXPLOITATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO NEW LEGAL RULES. POLULATION PLANNING MUST RESPECT HUMAN LIFE AND THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

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